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Via Facsimile (718) 260-2457 And FedEx Overnight Mail

Honorable John Gleeson United States District Judge Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201 ATTN: Vivian Kline

Meeyapillai Zawahir - Reg No. 57199-053 (JG)

Dear Judge Gleeson:

Re:

On January 13, 2006, the above-referenced defendant was sentenced before your Honor to three months' incarceration followed by a period of supervised release, an \$80,000. fine and community service. In accordance with the Court's judgment, he timely surrendered on March 17, 2006, served his time and was released May 15, 2006. He has also paid all court-imposed costs and fines, and is engaged in the approved Community Service.

Dr. Zawahir's passport continues to reside in the custody of the Eastern District Pre-Trial Service offices, who advised me that they cannot release it, absent an Order from your Honor.

Finally, I have also spoken to Dr. Zawahir's Federal Parole Officer Paul E. Choinski at 200 Federal Plaza, Room 130, Paterson, New Jersey, who has been made aware of this request and has no objection to the return of the passport to Dr. Zawahir. Also enclosed is a copy of Mr. Choinski's Pre-Release Investigation Response. Dr. Zawahir understands his obligations with regard to seeking permission to travel both in and outside the United States.

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If the above request is acceptable to you, I would simply ask that you endorse this letter in the space provided below so that we can arrange for the return of the passport to its owner.

Respectfully,

Mark L. Furman

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ENDORSEMENT:

s/John Gleeson

7-18-06

Honorable John Gleeson

Date

Cc: US Probation Officer Paul E. Choinski [By Facsimile 973/357-4092]